



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PLANNED CLOSURE OF ROUTE 199 IN DEL NORTE COUNTY:

*The New Hardscrabble Creek Bridge is Ready to Move!*

**Eureka** – On **Monday, October 6**, Caltrans will close Route 199 between Hiouchi and Gasquet to move the new Hardscrabble Creek Bridge into place. **Nighttime** closure hours will be **10:00 PM to 6:00 AM**.

The new bridge will be completed using an innovative technique called the “Jack and Slide” method. The new bridge was built adjacent to and just upstream of the existing bridge on temporary abutments. With traffic detoured over the new bridge, the old bridge has been removed and new abutments constructed on the existing alignment. During the night closure, the new bridge will be jacked up and slid approximately 48 feet into place on the new abutments.

The new bridge will be wider with 8-foot shoulders that will better accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic and will provide service to the traveling public for many years to come.

Local residents may show identification to access residences between the road closures and the construction zone.

**Please note:** A second closure may be necessary the night of Tuesday, October 7, from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. If so, the closure will be announced and signs will be used to alert motorists Tuesday morning.

For more information, please contact Karen Sanders, Resident Engineer, at 707-498-4009.

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